

REMARKS

By this response claims 7, 18, and 19 have been amended, claims 1-6, 17, 20, 21, 26-31, 34, and 35 have been canceled, and claims 36-38 have been added. Claims 7, 9-16, 18, 19, 22-25, and 36-38 are pending. Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 USC §112

The amendments to the claims render the rejections under 35 USC §112 moot, thus the rejections need not be further addressed at this time. The remaining claims are therefore allowable under 35 USC §112.

Rejections under 35 USC §§102 and 103

Claim 17, which was deemed allowable by the Examiner, has been written into claim 7 and canceled. Claim 7 and claims 9-16, 18, and 32 which depend therefrom, are therefore allowable over the cited art.

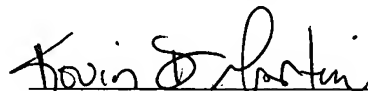
Claim 21, which was deemed allowable by the Examiner, and intervening claim 20 have been written into claim 19 and canceled. Claim 19 and claims 22-25 and 33 which depend therefrom, are therefore allowable over the cited art.

Claim 25, which was deemed allowable by the Examiner, and intervening claim 24 have been written into claim 19 and submitted as new claim 36. Claim 36 and claims 37 and 38 which depend therefrom, are therefore allowable over the cited art.

Conclusion

Thus it is believed that the remaining claims are in condition for allowance. If there are matters which may be clarified or resolved through a telephone call, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned. This is believed to be a complete response to the Examiner's office action. This is believed to be a complete response to the Examiner's office action.

Respectfully submitted,



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